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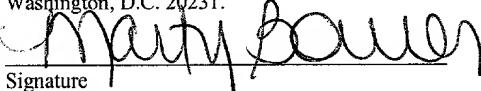
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- New Patent Application consisting of 76 pages.
- Continued Prosecution Application (37 CFR §1.53(d)) -- The parent application is USSN \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_. The prior Examiner was \_\_\_\_\_ in Group Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_.
- Response to Missing Parts
- Assignment and Recordation Cover sheet
- Inventors' Declaration
- Election Under 37 CFR §§3.71, Statement Under 3.73 and Power of Attorney

- Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time
- Response to Office Action
- Preliminary Amendment
- Formal Drawings
- Informal Drawings consisting of 22 pages.
- Notice of Appeal
- An Appeal Brief (an original and two copies)
- Checks in the amount of \$1,102.00 and \$40.00
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- Other: Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status

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	<b>Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))</b>	<u>12</u> - 3 =	9	x \$ 80.00	\$ 720.00
	<b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))</b>			x \$ 270.00	\$
				Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 710.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$2,204.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Note: 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$1,102.00
	Surcharge for submission of Response to Missing Parts if applicable (\$130)				
	<b>ASSIGNMENT FEE (IF FILED WITH APPLICATION)</b>				\$ 40.00
				<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$1,142.00</b>

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 512-347-1611 with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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